GALT TRAFFIC

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SPRING SPECIAL!

If you'd like to get checked out or current in the Archer or 172RG, Galt Flying Service is offering one hour of **FREE DUAL** this month. (Pay only for the aircraft.) Get ready for the good flying weather to come!

MARCH HOURS

Days are getting longer -- March hours will be:
8-5 weekdays **8-6 Saturday and Sunday**
100 ll is still a most reasonable $1.70

OLD GAS PUMPS

By the time you read this, we hope that the underground tanks will have been removed. Please use caution taxiing around barricades in this vicinity.

SOME KIND OF WINTER, EH?

Living here on the edge of northerliness as we do, we're not used to ***birds*** homesteading in our airframes at this time of year. Be advised however, they are! Use your cowl plugs and be on the look out for nests -- *Warning*: Bees and their ilk will soon follow!

MIKE KELLNER'S B-17 PROJECT

Following our Feb. meeting, about a dozen Chapter 932 EAA'ers motored to Marengo for lunch, then a short distance further to view the progress of Mike Kellner's B-17 restoration. Of more than 12,000 B-17s built, there are fewer than a dozen flying worldwide today, so the significance of this project cannot be regarded lightly.

Long time 'ten-cees' will recall the B-17 'bones' that were stored just north of the present EAA 932 building a few years ago. The fuselage that you will remember as seven pieces is now but four, soon to be three.

Mike found the B-17 in a junk yard in Maine. It, with others, had been purchased from the government for salvage. Although dismantled and badly hacked up, A.A.F. Ser. # 41-2595 was not disposed of for unknown reasons and was complete except for engines and instruments; the easiest, if not the cheapest, items to replace. The airplane is a fairly rare E model (512 built). It was first used in training in the American southwest dubbed "The Desert Rat". It was later converted to an XC-108 (armament and bomb bays removed, floor and cargo door added) and used as a hospital ship in the China-Burma-India theater and later as a VIP/troop transport and cargo hauler until declared surplus.

Although this is a project of monumental proportions, so far Mike has elected to retain ownership (and control) as opposed to forming a not for profit organization to raise funds and recruit expertise. Work is progressing as time, money and volunteer help allows. If you would like to see Mike's project, or become involved, your help would be welcomed -- contact Mike at 815/568-9464. He is located at 21010 Anthony Rd., Marengo, IL 60152.

GRAND GENEVA RESORT UPDATE

Their new identifier is "Charlie Oscar Two" -- if you forget, just look at a fire extinguisher for a mind jogger. They'll be on the next issue (May) of the Chicago sectional and the instrument approach should be in the next revision. They've also applied for a GPS approach. The preferred runway for both takeoffs and landings (if wind not a factor) is 23 due to noise abatement considerations. The message to all 'Ten-cees', "come see us, we appreciate your business!"

TOUCH AND GOs

Webster defines "Touch and Go" as, "a highly uncertain or precarious situation". It's the term used by nineteenth century blasters meaning to light the fuse and run. Hmmmm. Could there be a message here? Doing "circuits" (as the Brits say) is a way of saving time but please keep a couple of things in mind:

Please consider carefully existing weather and traffic conditions, the type aircraft and the experience level of the pilot before opting to do touch and gos. Don't forget to broadcast your intentions in your traffic calls. Also, remember for the recent experience requirements of FAR 61.57, night landings and those in a tailwheel equipped aircraft must be made to a full stop. ("Night" is now defined as 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.)

NEW, NEW, NEW

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Galt CFI and new dad **Dan O'Shaughnessy** and wife **Heide** on the arrival on Jan. 26 of Josephine Marie, weighing in at 7lb. 14oz.

Also becoming dads (in December -- both boys) were former GFS CFI **Bill Tate** and club member **Mike LeJeune**.

NEW RATINGS / FIRST SOLO

Congratulations **Ray Henning** and **Brian Kelly**, new private pilots. (Brian on his 17th birthday in a Baron.) Congratulations to **Michael Burns** whose first solo was on Feb. 25th.

NEW JOB

So long and best of luck to Galt CFI and A&P **Matt Saban** who's off to Miami where he's in DC-8 F/E training with Arrow Air.

NEW ON THE INTERNET

Visit educator, "ten-cee" and EAA 932 member John Grosse's new website at:
http://members.aol.com/grosseair/GrosseAir.html

NEWS FROM EAA 932
Water Flying Info. Seminar March 30

* Ever wonder what it would be like to do some seaplane flying? It's actually one of the easier "add on" ratings to get. Join us at the Chap. 932 hangar on Mar. 30th at 7 pm for an entertaining and informative session on water flying. **Vern Jobst**, **George Mangel** and **Earl Pankonin** will be on hand to talk about water flying in general and to answer your specific questions. Refreshments will be served.

* **Our next regular meeting is Mar. 21**, 10 am at Galt. Get fabulously rich on our 50/50 drawing, then after the briefest of meetings, we'll fly out for lunch!

* How would you like to **own a piece of a brand new airplane** -- at a very affordable price? Our Cub project is moving along at a steady pace. The fuselage is at **Steve Nusbaum**'s shop. It's welded up and the landing gear is now going on. As so often happens in life, lack of funds is the biggest problem. If you might be interested in buying into this project (you don't have to be an EAA member) and would like to talk about it, call **John Wise at 815/653-3966**

MAYDAY FROM N36250

Gene Bray asks that if by some chance you should come across the log books for Citabria N36250 (ser. # 385-73) please turn them in to the office. Thanks.

LOCAL WEATHER

Within about a 100 mile radius of Galt there are at least 30 aviation weather reporting points.

Can you decode all of them?

1. UGN 2. PWK 3. DPA 4. JVL 5. ORD
6. ARR 7. UES 8. MKE 9. MWC 10. MDW
11. CGX 12. RYV 13. LOT 14. C09 15.MSN
16. UNU 17. GYY 18. SQI 19. FLD 20. IKK
21. VPZ 22. SBM 23. MRJ 24. BEH 25. DLL
26. LNR 27. CWI 28. OSH 29. RFD 30. EFT

1. Waukegan 2. Palwaukee 3. Dupage 4. Janesville 5. O'hare 6. Aurora 7. Waukesha 8. Mitchell 9. Timmerman 10. Midway 11. Meigs 12. Watertown 13. Romeoville 14. Morris 15. Madison 16. Juneau 17. Gary 18. Sterling 19. Fond Du Lac 20. Kankakee 21. Valparaiso 22. Sheboygan 23. Mineral Point 24. Benton Harbor 25. Baraboo 26. Lone Rock 27. Clinton, Ia. 28. Oshkosh 29. Rockford 30. Monroe

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Pilot Certificates Issued

1995 Student	60,497		
1996 Student	56,653	1996 Private	24,714
1997 Student	52,603	1997 Private	19,386
1996 Comm.	10,245	1996 CFI	4,459
1997 Comm.	8,264	1997 CFI	3,629

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1998 PLANNER
Fly-In Calendar Resumes With May Issue

EAA 932 at Galt: ***Water Flying Sem. Mar. 30; Bomb Drop May 16; OSH weekend work party Jun 20-21; 2nd annual Big Pig Roast Aug. 15. (Other events to be announced.)***

Apr 19 - 25 ***Sun 'n Fun*** Lakeland, FL
Jul 18 & 19 ***United States Airshow*** Dayton, OH
Jul 29 - Aug 4 ***Oshkosh '98*** Oshkosh, WI
>Jul 24 - 30 ***Farnborough Int'l. '98<*** UK (chng.)
Sep 17 - 20 ***Reno Air Races*** Reno, NV
Oct 23 - 25 ***AOPA Expo '98*** Palm Springs, Ca.

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